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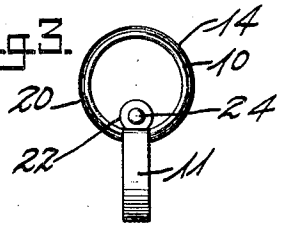


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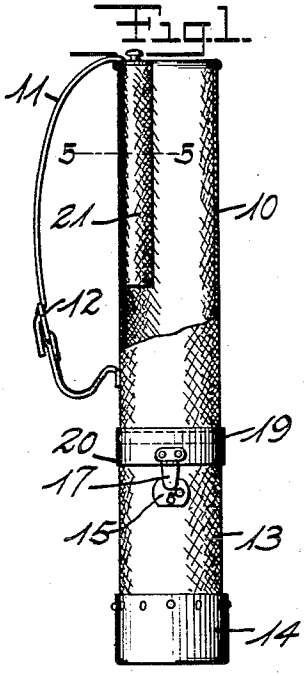


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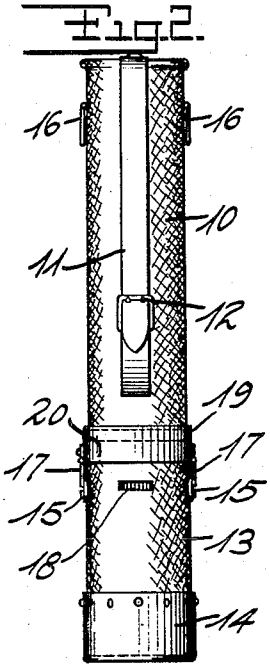


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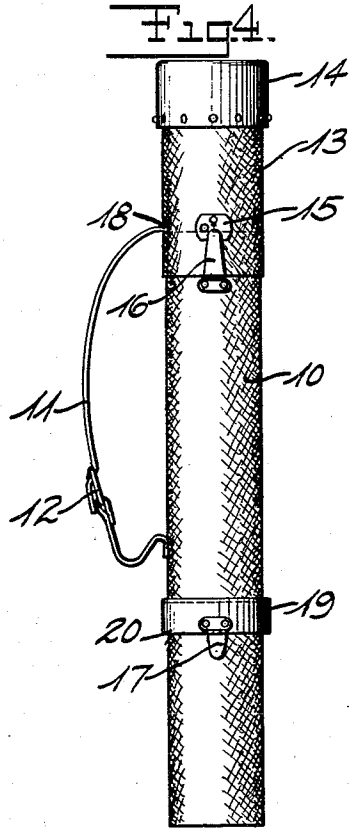


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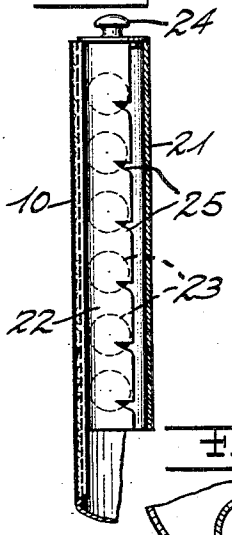


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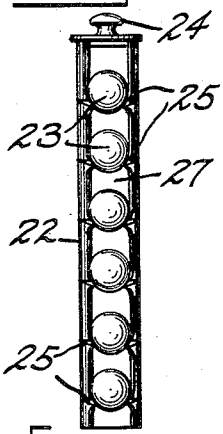


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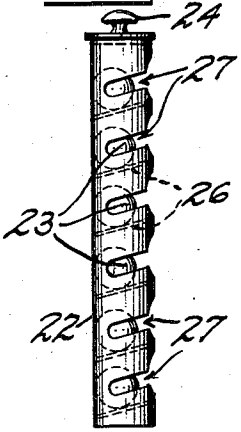


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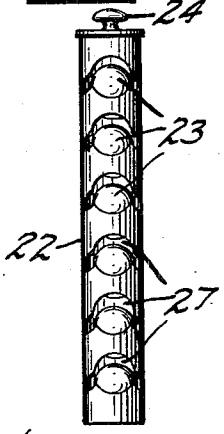
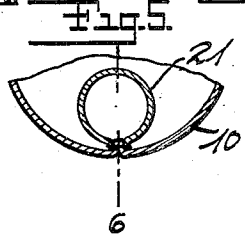


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROY F. HANAFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its general objects to provide a practical and satisfactory cover which can be locked to secure the contents of the bag for shipping and storing purposes; to protect the bottom of the bag against the wear ordinarily occasioned by dragging or trailing the bag over the ground; and to provide proper storage for the balls so that while securely held they are instantly accessible.

In the accomplishment of the foregoing I have constructed a bag with a removable cover member which may be placed over either end of the bag, over the top as a cover, or over the bottom as a reinforcement and have provided means for securing the same in either position. The balls are stored in a carrier which is mounted within a pocket formed on one wall of the bag.

Other features of the invention will appear as the specification proceeds, attention being now directed to the accompanying drawing wherein I have illustrated the invention embodied in practical form.

In Figure 1 the bag is shown in side view, with a portion of wall broken away to expose the pocket and ball carrier, the cover member being shown used as a bottom reinforcement in this view; Figure 2 is a side view on a plane at right angles to the plane of Figure 1; Figure 3 is a top plan view of the same; Figure 4 shows the bag with the cover member in use as an actual cover therefor; Figure 5 is an enlarged and fragmentary sectional view of the ball carrier pocket on line 5—5 of Figure 1; Figure 6 is a vertical sectional view on the plane of line 6—6 of Figure 5, with the ball carrier in place within the pocket; Figure 7 is a front view of this style of ball carrier; Figures 8 and 9 are side and front views of another form of the ball carrier.

The bag body is designated 10 and is shown provided with a carrying strap 11, attached at its upper end near the mouth of the bag and provided with a buckle 12.

13 designates the cover member, constructed to telescope over either the top or the bottom of the bag and therefore to form in the one instance, a cover securely closing the bag as in Figure 4, or a reinforcement and protector for the bottom of the bag, as shown in Figures 1 and 2. This cover member is preferably reinforced by a cap piece 14 of sheet metal or other suitable material which takes the wear when the bag is being trailed over the ground, as when in use, and protects the bag, when closed, against the rough handling usually received in shipping.

The cover member is secured in place by means consisting in the illustration of a pair of key-operated locks 15, oppositely disposed on said member and adapted to be engaged by appropriately disposed hasps 16—17 on the bag adjacent the upper and lower ends thereof respectively. By these means the cover member may be securely locked in position, either as a protector for the bottom or as a cover for the bag. The locks are preferably of the type known as "spring" locks so that the cover may be quickly locked in either position by simply slipping it on over the proper end of the bag and snapping the hasps at such end into engagement with the locks.

When member 13 is used as a cover, the carrying strap is preferably passed through an opening 18, provided for the purpose in that portion of the cover member which overlies the rim or mouth portion of the bag, the strap being opened at the buckle when this connection is being made. The strap then serves as additional means for securing the cover in place and at the same time can be utilized for carrying purposes.

Also, for greater security the edge portion of the cover member may be engaged beneath a protecting band 19, secured about the bag, said band being secured so as to leave an edge portion 20, separated from the bag and beneath which the edge of the cover can be inserted. This band thus forms a seal over the end of the cover member and in order that it may properly resist wear and retain its shape it may be made of leather or other suitable material. The band 19 may also be utilized as a mounting for the hasps, as clearly shown in Figures 1, 2 and 4.

The bag is further shown constructed with a longitudinal pocket 21 on the inner wall thereof, receiving a carrier 22, for the balls 23, said carrier having a handle 24 on the top thereof, by means of which the

same way be readily withdrawn from the pocket. The balls are preferably kept separated, as by providing the carrier with individual ball compartments, formed in Figures 6 and 7 by turning in portions 25 of the opposite side walls of the carrier body, and in Figures 8 and 9 by providing inclined shelves or partitions 26. These carriers are open at the front, as indicated at 27, such open side being closed by the adjoining wall of the pocket when the carrier is in place therein. This construction enables inspection of the balls by simply withdrawing the carrier from the pocket. The openings in the front of the carriers are preferably restricted, as shown, so as to require that the balls be lifted slightly before they can be removed from their individual compartments. This prevents accidental escape of the balls, and the construction provides simple and practical means for carrying the balls in an assorted relation.

I claim:

1. In combination, a golf bag, a cover member engageable over the open end of the bag as a cover therefor and engageable over the bottom of the bag as a reinforcement and protector for the same, means for securing said cover member on the bag in either of said positions, said cover member having a keeper passage through one of its side walls, and a handle on the bag adapted to be passed through said keeper passage in one position of the cover member on the bag.

2. In combination, a golf bag, a carrying strap arranged on one side of the bag and attached thereto at separated points one being near the mouth thereof, and a cover engageable over the mouth of the bag provided with a keeper passage through one of its side walls in line with the point of attachment of the carrying strap, whereby the carrying strap may be passed therethrough to secure the top in place.

3. In combination, a golf bag, a carrying strap arranged on one side of the bag and attached thereto at separated points one being near the mouth thereof, and a cover engageable over the mouth of the bag provided with a keeper passage through one of its side walls in line with the point of attachment of the carrying strap, whereby the carrying strap may be passed therethrough to secure the top in place, and additional means for securing the cover on the bag adapted to hold the cover with the keeper passage in registry with said point of attachment of the carrying strap.

4. In combination with a golf bag and an encircling protective band secured to the outer surface of said bag but separated therefrom at one edge, and a cover member secured over said bag with its edge engaged beneath the separated edge portion of said protective band.

5. In combination with a golf bag and an encircling protective band secured to the outer surface of said bag but separated therefrom at one edge, a cover member on said bag having its edge engaged beneath the separated edge portion of the band and cooperating locking means on the band and cover member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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